

(Failed 2-7)
(Ayes Banash Sabbagh)

RESOLUTION 01-33

INTERPRETING THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM GUIDELINES Re: Balloting for the North Dunn Street Proposal

- WHEREAS, the Bloomington City Council adopted Ordinance 99-16 which acknowledged the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP) as a guiding document in making informed decisions regarding the installation of traffic calming devices; and
- WHEREAS, the segment of North Dunn Street between the 45/46 Bypass and Old State Road 37, will hereinafter be referred to as "North Dunn Street"; and
- WHEREAS, in accordance with the NTSP, the Matlock Heights Neighborhood Association has petitioned the City for traffic calming to be implemented on a section of North Dunn Street; and
- WHEREAS, the Engineering Department has prepared a proposal for the installation of traffic calming devices on North Dunn Street, presented the plans at neighborhood meetings and a public hearing, and is in the process of distributing ballots to affected households; and
- WHEREAS, Section 6 of the NTSP sets forth instructions for determining the scope of the affected households for the purpose of balloting and distinguishes between local and collector streets; and
- WHEREAS, in the case of collector streets like North Dunn Street, Section 6 requires ballots be sent to households on and within 300 feet of the project street as well as to households "on any other street that must use the project street as their primary access," but does not elaborate further upon the meaning of that phrase; and
- WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge neighborhood is north of the City and has one exit to the east onto North Walnut Street, which is an inconvenient and undesirable choice when going south, and three exits that serve North Dunn Street; and
- WHEREAS, Matlock Heights will lose its exit onto the SR 45/46 Bypass when it is improved and has similar inconvenient and undesirable access to North Walnut Street; and
- WHEREAS, given these circumstances, the Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association has asked the Council to consider its entire neighborhood, as well as the entire neighborhood of Matlock Heights and all the homes on the east side of North Dunn Street in the balloting process; and
- WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association has voted to support Matlock Heights in finding a cooperative solution to the traffic calming issues on North Dunn Street; and
- WHEREAS, the initial ballots sent to households included information that could have created unclear interpretations as to what was being proposed which may skew the ballot result;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Common Council finds that the Blue Ridge Neighborhood and Matlock Heights Neighborhood in their entirety must use North Dunn Street as their primary access and should, therefore, be included as well in the ballot set forth in Section 6 of the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program.

SECTION 2. The Common Council concludes it would be in the best interests of the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program and the City to distribute new ballots to all of the households in the areas cited in Section 1 as well as those households on or within 300 feet of the project street.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2001.

PATRICIA COLE, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2001.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2001.

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Jason Banach and Tim Mayer and interprets the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program in regard to the balloting for the North Dunn Street proposal. It finds that the Blue Ridge and Matlock Heights neighborhoods are eligible for ballots and that the ballots should be redistributed.